



The President's Daily Brief

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1. Arab States -
Israel

The situation is explosive and the Syrians hold the match.

If Syrian terrorists kill any Israelis, Israel is quite likely to strike fast and hard. The Syrians are unpredictable

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Nasir, for his part, is undoubtedly anxious to duck a fight.

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But Nasir has crawled way out on the limb. He has made one of the best publicized troop build-ups in recent years and he has told the United Nations Emergency Force to go home.

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With his prestige on the line, Nasir will find it hard indeed to back down if the crunch comes.

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2. Soviet Union

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3. Vietnam

Today is Ho Chi Minh's birthday.

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4. Hong Kong

Peking is tightening the screw with more veiled threats, but the British continue to believe they have nothing to gain and everything to lose by knuckling under to Communist demands.

In Hong Kong, well-disciplined demonstrations go on with no incidents reported, but the few British officials in China are having a rough time. Masses of Chinese have paraded past the office of the British chargé in Peking chanting Mao-quotes, and the British representative in Shanghai was frog-marched around his house by Red Guards when he refused to bow to a picture of Mao.

Yesterday there was a mass rally in Peking to condemn the British. Chinese broadcasts warn of the "worsening" situation.

5. Mexico

The situation in Sonora state is described as extremely tense by the US Consul General in Hermosillo. Troops moved in to quell a three-month revolt against the state's governor on Wednesday.

A number of arrests have been made in Nogales on the Arizona border. Now citizens of Nogales are threatening to storm the jail if those arrested are not released. More troops are being moved toward the border town.

The basic issue is popular resistance to the Sonora governor's selection of his successor. The cause has been taken up by university students, who have been leading demonstrations and riots.

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6. Ecuador

Arosemena assured Ambassador Coerr on Wednesday that Ecuador will participate fully in the action program adopted at Punta del Este. Arosemena probably will do what he says, although we still expect him to use US aid as a whipping boy whenever he thinks he can make some domestic political mileage.

Arosemena's administration is broke.

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7. Sudan

A new premier, Muhammad Mahjoub, was named yesterday. He is not expected to change the Sudan's relatively pro-Western outlook.

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